



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

William Berg, City Council President
Joseph Merrill, City Clerk

MINUTES

City Council Business Meeting
Council Chambers, 38 Hawley St, Binghamton, NY 13901
Wednesday July 22, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order by Council President Berg at 6:30pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Berg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jerry Motsavage, Teri Rennia, Chris Papastrat, John Matzo, Bill Berg

Absent: Joseph Mihalko, Lea Webb

Also in attendance: Joseph Merrill, City Clerk; Lai Huynh, Deputy City Clerk; Allison Sosa, First Assistant Corporation Counsel

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from the Business Meeting held on Wednesday July 8, 2015.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Voice vote, none opposed.

Motion to approve the minutes from the Special Business Meeting held on Wednesday July 8, 2015.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Voice vote, none opposed.

Councilwoman Rennia noted for the record that the Employees Committee will meet on August 5th at 5:30pm to continue reviewing the City of Binghamton sexual harassment policy. This meeting will be held in the City Council Work Room located through the City Clerk's Office, 38 Hawley Street Binghamton, NY. For more information please contact the City Clerk's Office at 607-772-7005 or by email at clerk@cityofbinghamton.com.

RECOGNITIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

President Berg read a Proclamation in honor of Americans with Disabilities Act 25th Anniversary

SET PUBLIC HEARINGS

City Clerk Merrill noted for the record that the Council of the City of Binghamton will hold a public hearing during the regular scheduled City Council Business Meeting on August 5, 2015 at 6:30pm, regarding the use of 2010 ESG funding in the amount of \$80,856 to be distributed to the YWCA, Volunteers of America, and Catholic Charities. This meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers located at 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, New York. For more information, please contact the City Clerk by phone at (607) 772-7005, or by email at clerk@cityofbinghamton.com.

Note: Notice of the public hearing will be published in the Press and Sun Bulletin on July 31, 2015.

City Clerk Merrill noted for the record that the Council of the City of Binghamton will hold a public hearing during the regular scheduled City Council Business Meeting on August 5, 2015 at 6:30pm, concerning transferring of CDBG funds for



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parks improvement projects. This meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers located at 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, New York. For more information, please contact the City Clerk by phone at (607) 772-7005, or by email at clerk@cityofbinghamton.com.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

Introductory Ordinance 15-39, Considered in Municipal and Public Affairs, Chair: Rennia

An Ordinance amending Chapter 292 of the Code of the City of Binghamton regarding noise

Note: Notice of the public hearing was published in the Press and Sun Bulletin on July 17, 2015.

In Favor: Stephanie Ferradino, Mark Phoreman

Against: John Solak

PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATION

Dara Silberstein, Susan Link, Tarik Abdelazim, Rachel McEntire, Bobbi Adey, John Solak, Patricia Roth, Michael Flager, Sharon Nieminski, Barbara Goldman, Fred Trazinski, Karen Sirles-Petotian, Father Tom Hobbes, John Yantvsan, Jack Sheehan, Sherrie Weiss, Fred Brootis, Albert Conway, Alivia Friedman, Cory Ray, Anina Shana

Petition received on July 22, 2015 in support of extending Woodburn Court 1 PILOT.

FIRST READING LEGISLATION

Introductory Ordinance 15-39, Considered in Municipal and Public Affairs, Chair: Rennia

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Motion to approve legislation.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. (Vote 5-0-2)

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

Absent: Mihalko, Webb

Note: This legislation was adopted by the Council of the City of Binghamton at a Business Meeting held on July 22, 2015, and was presented to Mayor Richard C. David on July 23, 2015. The Mayor vetoed Introductory O15-39, and submitted his veto message to the City Clerk's Office on July 30, 2015. Due to the veto, no Permanent Number was assigned.

Introductory Ordinance 15-40. Considered in Finance, Chair: Motsavage

An Ordinance authorizing various amendments to the Capital Budget for projects that are complete and funding is no longer available

Motion to hold legislation to the end of the meeting.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Matzo.

Voice vote, none opposed.

Introductory Ordinance 15-41. Considered in Employees, Chair: Webb

An Ordinance to amend the 2015 Planning Department budget to defund the Sustainable Development Planner position and to add a Planner position

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Rennia.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 15-42. (Vote 5-0-2)

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None



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Absent: Mihalko, Webb

Introductory Resolution 15-73. Considered in Planning, Chair: Webb

A Resolution declaring City Council as Lead Agency on the OURSPACE project and a Negative Declaration Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 15-73. (Vote 5-0-2)

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

Absent: Mihalko, Webb

Introductory Ordinance 15-42. Considered Finance, Chair: Motsavage

An Ordinance authorizing the establishment of Capital Account H7110.525190.PK008 and Revenue Account H43089.PK0008 and funding these accounts with \$500,000 for the Ourspace Project

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Matzo.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 15-43. (Vote 5-0-2)

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

Absent: Mihalko, Webb

Introductory Ordinance 15-43. Considered Finance, Chair: Motsavage

An Ordinance authorizing the City to accept donations for the OurSpace Project at Recreation Park and to amend the 2015 Parks Budget accordingly

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Rennia.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 15-44. (Vote 5-0-2)

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

Absent: Mihalko, Webb

Introductory Resolution 15-72. Considered in Finance, Chair: Motsavage

A Resolution approving a loan from the Binghamton Local Development Corporation (BLDC) to S2 Properties, LLC & Binghamton Garage, LLC in the amount of \$75,000 to assist with the purchase of equipment and working capital for the Business Development of 211 Washington Street

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Matzo.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 15-72. (Vote 5-0-2)

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

Absent: Mihalko, Webb

Introductory Resolution 15-74. Considered in Finance, Chair: Motsavage

A Resolution authorizing the City of Binghamton to submit a grant application to Empire State Development for development of a City Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Rennia.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 15-74. (Vote 5-0-2)

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

Absent: Mihalko, Webb



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Introductory Resolution 15-75. Considered in Finance, Chair: Motsavage

A Resolution authorizing the City of Binghamton to submit a grant application to New York State Department of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation for relocation and rehabilitation of the Ross Park Carousel

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Rennia.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 15-75. (Vote 5-0-2)

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

Absent: Mihalko, Webb

Introductory Resolution 15-76. Considered in Finance, Chair: Motsavage

A Resolution authorizing the City of Binghamton to submit a grant proposal to New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) for development of the 434 Greenway River Trail Project

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Matzo.

Motion to amend legislation to include Capital Budget.

Moved by Papastrat, seconded by Rennia.

Voice vote, none opposed.

Motion to approve legislation as amended. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Matzo.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 15-76. (Vote 5-0-2)

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

Absent: Mihalko, Webb

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Nays: None

Absent: Mihalko, Webb

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Motsavage, Webb, Mihalko, Rennia, Matzo, Papastrat, Berg

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:02pm.

Moved by Matzo, seconded by Rennia.

Voice vote, none opposed.